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1. The training year of the Bulgarian Army is divided into two instruction periods. The first of these commences in May and ends in Sep. The second lasts from 15 Dec to 15 Apr.
2. Each period ends with an inspection. The inspecting officers may come directly from the Defense Ministry, from an army, or even from a division especially designated by the Defense Ministry. These officers are careful to ascertain what the men in the ranks have been doing and how well they are trained.
3. After each period closes, garrison troops near the frontiers for special field training, are sent into the fortifications. Thus, many troops are usually located along the frontier in Oct and Nov, and after the second period, between 15 and 25 Apr of each year.
4. A general directive on troop training is sent down by the general staff. This program is then further worked out in the regiments. Battalion commanders send their company commanders weekly training schedule. Each company commander then works out his own schedule, applying the training program from bn. hdqrs. This company schedule goes back to battalion for approval, after which it is put into effect by the company commander.

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